

I repectfully urge the Federal Communications Commisssion to reject the National Association of Broadcasters' Petition to deny satellite broadcasters the right to broadcast local content over a national channel (MB 04-160). In addition to the fundamental right of paid subscription services to provide whatever content their subscribers demand, they provide an important public service. As a person who travels extensively I use the local weather and traffic services provided by XM Radio. The channels are constantly available so that I can refer to them well in advance of arriving at the particular city. This is a significant safety advantage. The NAB's petition is designed to stifle competition without any positive advantage. It should be denied summarily.

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